PATENT

Docket No.: <u>4024-4043</u>

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 5

and 9 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitation from allowable claim 5,

which, depends from claim 1, and cancelled claims 20 through 24.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections in the Office Action are now

moot, all of the pending claims are allowable, and early favorable action in that regard is solicited.

CONCLUSION

In the event any issues remain that could potentially be resolved by telephone, the Examiner

is urged to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Should any additional fee(s) be

required for the entry of this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit

Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4024-4043.

Respectfully submitted,

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